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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002. Claims 1-33 have been restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-27 and 30-32 (should be claims 1-26 and 30-32) are said to be drawn to a method of providing a durable image and a kit, classified in class 427, subclass 331; and
- II. Claims 27-29 are said to be drawn to a painted article, classified in class 428, subclass 195.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-26 and 30-32).

Applicants elect the species described as coating a surface with an aqueous mordant dispersion; transferring a selected image onto the coated surface; applying a dispersed hydrophobic material to the image; and drying the hydrophobic material.

Respectfully submitted,

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